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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to a telephone conversation with Examiner Boakye on December 20, 2006. Further examination and consideration are requested.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.